

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/080,262

Examiner

Lawrence B. Williams

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed on 14 August 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 10-11, 13-19, 21-26 and 34, renumbered as 1-2, 3-9, 10-15, 16.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The instant application discloses an apparatus and method for receiving and decoding quasi-complementary turbo codes. A search of prior art records has revealed the closest prior art of record to be concurrently owned US Patent 7,093,185 B2 applicant's co-pending Application No. 10/680,815. A further search has failed to teach or suggest alone or in combination an apparatus for receiving and decoding quasi-complementary turbo codes comprising:

“a combiner for sequence combining the received symbols; a channel de-interleaver for separating the combined symbols into an information symbol stream and parity symbol streams, demultiplexing the parity symbol streams into at least one parity symbol stream according to a given code rate, and independently de-interleaving and outputting the information symbol stream and the demultiplexed parity symbol streams; and a turbo code decoder for multiplexing the independently de-interleaved parity symbol streams and the de-interleaved information symbol stream, decoding the multiplexed streams according to a predetermined decode rate, and outputting the information symbol stream” as disclosed in claim 10.

Nor does the prior art teach or suggest alone or in combination a method for receiving quasi-complementary turbo code (QCTC) and decoding the QCTC, comprising the steps of:

“(a) sequence combining received symbols; (b) separating the combined symbols into an information symbol stream and parity symbol streams, demultiplexing the parity symbol streams into at least one parity symbol stream according to a given code rate, and independently de-interleaving and outputting the information symbol stream and the demultiplexed parity symbol streams; and (c) multiplexing the independently de-interleaved parity symbol streams and the de-

interleaved information symbol stream, decoding the multiplexed streams according to a predetermined decode rate, and outputting the information symbol stream” as disclosed in claim 18.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

CONCLUSION

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lawrence B Williams whose telephone number is 571-272-3037. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:00-5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Ghayour Mohammad can be reached on 571-272-3021. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

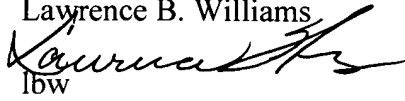
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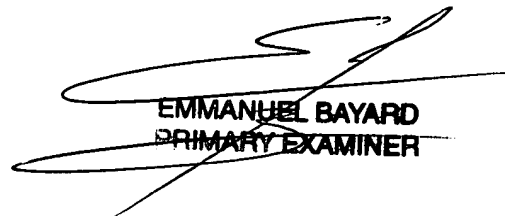
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